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SUBJECT: PLANNED CHINESE COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION IN COLOGNE

1. THE COLOGNE FAIR AND EXHIBITS AUTHORITY ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 20 THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WOULD PUT ON AN ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION IN COLOGNE IN THE FIRST HALF OF JUNE 1975. PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE EXHIBITION BEGAN IN FEBRUARY 1973. A FEW MONTHS LATER THE CHINA COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE ASKED THE COLOGNE FAIR AUTHORITIES TO DRAW UP A PLAN FOR AN EXHIBITION. THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN BONN INFORMED THE COLOGNE AUTHORITIES RECENTLY THAT THE PLAN HAD BEEN APPROVED.

2. A CHINESE DELEGATION IS EXPECTED IN ABOUT FOUR WEEKS TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF THE EXHIBITION, WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL DISPLAY THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN ALL BRANCHES OF ITS ECONOMY. THE COLOGNE AUTHORITIES ALSO HOPE TO HAVE SPORTING EVENTS SUCH AS A TABLE TENNIS OR VOLLEYBALL MATCH TAKE PLACE

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CONCURRENTLY WITH THE EXHIBITION.

3. ONE OF THE CONDITIONS OF CHINESE AGREEMENT WAS THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY PUT ON A COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION IN CHINA. THE GERMANS HAVE AGREED TO DO SO IN PEKING IN THE FALL OF 1975.HENNEMEYER

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